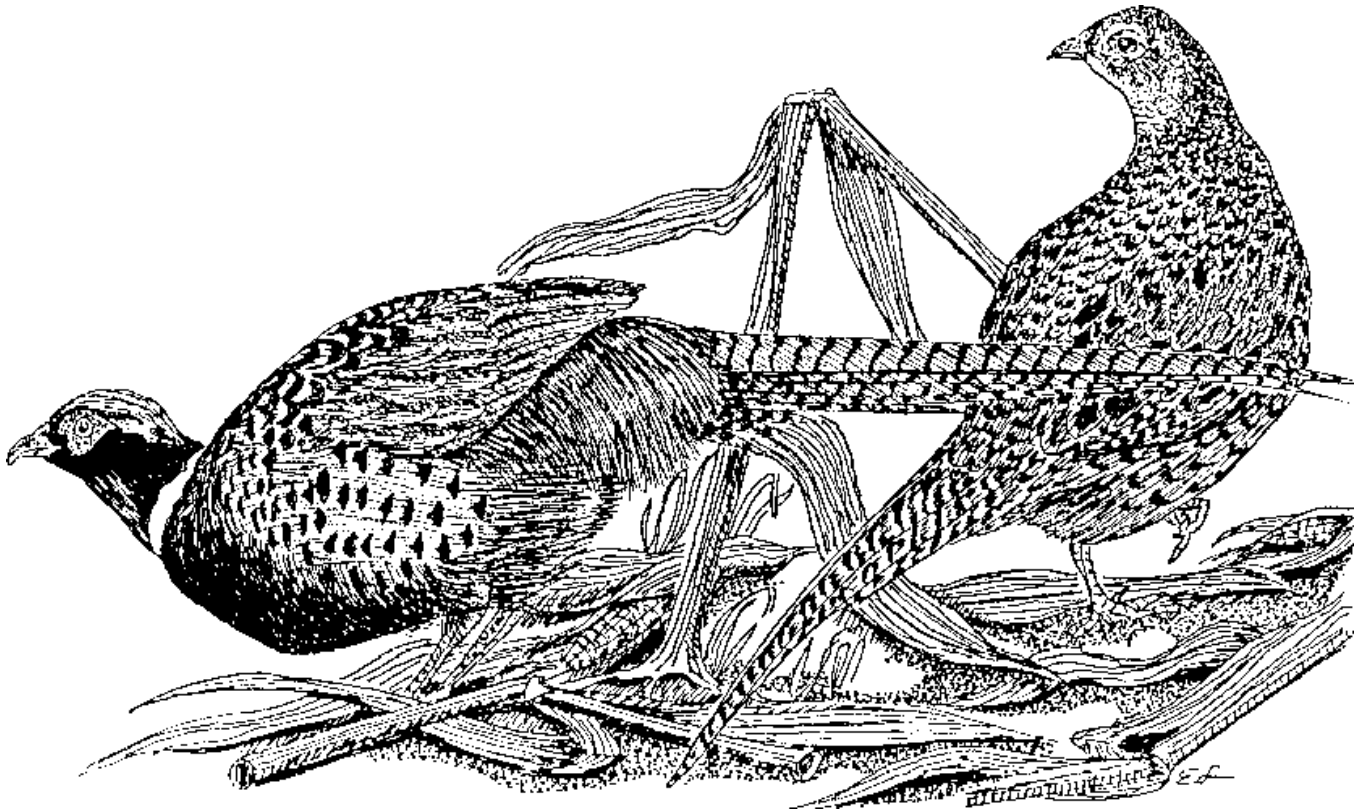


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Wisconsin Public Hunting Grounds with **Special Pheasant Hunting Regulations**



Important

- All hunters (except waterfowl hunters) are required to wear at least 50% blaze orange during the gun deer seasons on Nov. 23–Dec. 8. In addition, all hunters in Deer Hunting Zone T during the Oct. 24–27 antlerless-only deer season will be required to wear at least 50% blaze orange. Zone T is made up of Deer Management Units **51A, 51B, 54C, 63A, 66, 68A, 70A, 70C, 70D, 70E, 70G, 71, 73C, 75, 77B, 77C, 80A, 80B, 80C**. See your 1996 General Hunting Regulations Pamphlet for a map of Wisconsin's Deer Management Units.
- Lands for public hunting are no longer leased at Clifton Coulee in Monroe County. Hunting is by permission of the landowner only and hen pheasants are not legal game.

Pheasant hunting on the properties listed in this pamphlet is subject to one or both of the following rules:

- 2 p.m. Closure Times
- Hen/Rooster Permit and Tags required.

This pamphlet explains these rules so that hunters can comply with the law.

Department of Natural Resources

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Dear Wisconsin Pheasant Hunter,

A special thank you goes out to all of the individuals and organizations who sent letters and contacted their representatives in support of reauthorizing the Conservation Reserve Program. Because of the efforts of conservationists in Wisconsin and nationwide, we can look forward to ten more years of benefits for upland nesting birds as well as for water quality, local economies and much more.

The presence of high quality cover, such as that offered by land enrolled in CRP, has been especially important to pheasants in 1996. Although pheasants survive much better in high quality habitats, research has shown that severe weather of the type we experienced in late January and early February can hurt populations even in the best cover. The harshest effect of severe weather is that it causes birds to be more vulnerable to predation. Deep and crusted snow conditions reduce the effectiveness of cover and increase the amount of time birds must spend out and about feeding to meet increasing energy demands. After several years of steady increases, pheasant populations appear to be down substantially this year. Preliminary figures from spring crowing rooster surveys show a statewide decline of almost 40% from 1995.

On top of this, wet, cool spring weather this year was less than ideal for brood survival. Young birds are very vulnerable under these circumstances and this can also reduce fall populations. Although department biologists are still surveying brood production at this writing, our spring weather has not been promising. On the other hand, hay mowing was delayed across much of Wisconsin's pheasant range and more nests and broods may have survived than in a normal year. Some early brood reports have hinted that spring production may have been better than expected

Pheasant populations naturally go through ups and downs due to weather and other factors. It is important to know that weather effects are usually short lived. The continuation of CRP will keep thousands of acres of prime grassland habitat in place in Wisconsin. With your Pheasant Stamp dollars, the cooperation of private landowners and the assistance of Wings Over Wisconsin and Pheasant Forever chapters to make the most of this habitat, pheasant populations should bounce back quickly.

As usual, we can count on thousands of birds from the Poynette Game Farm to be released on over 60 state wildlife areas listed in this pamphlet.

Finally, remember that as in years past, all pheasant hunters will need to wear at least 50% blaze orange during the regular gun and muzzleloader deer seasons. In addition, this year blaze orange must be worn when hunting in Zone T deer management units during the special antlerless deer season on October 24-27.

Have a safe and enjoyable season!

Sincerely,

Michael Foy, Pheasant Biologist

Pheasant Stamp Requirement

A pheasant stamp (\$7.25 resident and nonresident) is required to hunt pheasants in the Pheasant Management Zone, in addition to a small game or sports license. A map of the pheasant management zones can be found on page 39 of the 1996 General Hunting Regulations Pamphlet. Note: Holders of conservation patron, armed forces fishing and small game licenses, senior citizen recreation cards, and first-year Wisconsin resident hunter safety course graduates are exempt from the stamp requirement. Pheasant stamp funds are earmarked for wild pheasant restoration projects such as wild pheasant releases and habitat development. Pheasant stamp revenue will help keep pheasant populations high for many seasons.

Season Dates and Hunting Hours

Season Dates: October 19 (noon)–December 31, 1996*

Bag Limits: October 19–20, 1 cock daily; possession limit 2. Remainder of season: 2 cocks daily; possession limit 4.

Hunting Hours: Opening Day for ALL areas: 12:00 noon to the close of normal hunting hours 15 minutes after sunset.** Remainder of season follows normal hunting hours except for 2:00 p.m. Closure Areas. From October 20–November 3, legal hunting closes at 2:00 p.m. on these properties; normal hunting hours begin on November 4 and continue until the season ends on December 31, 1996.

* Firearm hunting for pheasants is prohibited on November 22, the day before the nine-day gun deer season.

** See 1996 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations for normal hunting hours table.

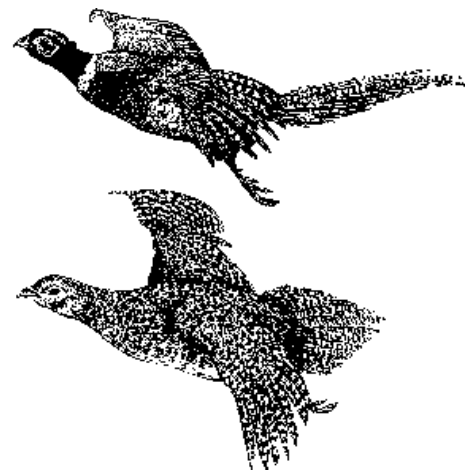
Why the 2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure?

Closing a hunting area at 2:00 p.m. allows the DNR to stock pheasants when they are not subject to hunting pressure. This improves stocking and distribution techniques and gives the birds more time to orient to their new surroundings. This helps provide a more satisfying hunt.

2:00 P.M. Pheasant Hunting Closure Areas

The boundaries of the following wildlife properties are posted with signs stating the 2:00 p.m. daily pheasant hunting closure time from October 20–November 3. Always check the type of signs posted, the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

Name	County(ies)
■ Allenton Wildlife Area	Washington
■ Brooklyn Wildlife Area	Dane and Green
■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area	Kewaunee
■ Dunnville Wildlife Area	Dunn
■ Eldorado Marsh Wildlife Area	Fond Du Lac
■ Goose Lake Wildlife Area	Dane
■ Grand River Wildlife Area	Green Lake and Marquette
■ Holland Wildlife Area	Brown
■ Horicon Wildlife Area	Dodge
■ Jackson Marsh PHG	Washington
■ Killsnake Wildlife Area	Calumet and Manitowoc
■ Mazomanie Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Dane
■ Mud Lake Wildlife Area	Dodge
■ New Munster Wildlife Area	Kenosha
■ Nichols Creek Wildlife Area	Sheboygan
■ Scuppernong	Waukesha
■ Theresa Wildlife Area	Dodge and Washington
■ Tichigan Wildlife Area	Racine
■ Vernon Wildlife Area	Waukesha
■ White River Wildlife Area	Green Lake and Marquette



Why Hen Stocking and Hunting?

Stocking and hunting hen pheasants on certain properties increases the effective use of surplus hen chicks produced by the State Game Farm. Since most game farm pheasants have been kept in captivity for many generations, they do not survive or reproduce well enough in the wild to justify rearing them for release to bolster natural reproduction.

Raising some surplus hen chicks for hunting during the same season they're hatched provides additional pheasant hunting opportunities at less expense than producing more roosters.

Hen hunting properties were selected because they had no wild hens on or near them. It is illegal to shoot hen pheasants anywhere else in Wisconsin, except on licensed game farms. Such shooting would harm Wisconsin's wild pheasant population. Please report all illegal shooting using the toll-free hotline listed in this pamphlet.

Hen-Rooster Hunting Regulations

- 1) You must complete and submit a DNR application to obtain a pheasant hunting permit and tags BEFORE hunting pheasants on these listed properties. There is no charge and applications can be obtained from any DNR field station or by writing DNR, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.
- 2) The permit sticker (labeled "L") at the bottom of the tag package must be separated from the tags and attached to your hunting license before you hunt.
- 3) Ten carcass tags are issued with your permit and this establishes your season bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas.
- 4) The permit and carcass tags are not transferable or replaceable, even if accidentally lost.
- 5) Immediately upon killing a pheasant, a tag must be attached to the featherless part of the pheasant's leg, between the foot and knee joint.
- 6) Both sexes must be tagged. This minimizes the temptation to discard one bird for another because of sex, size or condition.
- 7) The daily bag limit on hen-rooster hunting areas is 1 pheasant daily on Oct. 19 and 20 and 2 pheasants daily from Oct. 21 to Dec. 31. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Hen-Rooster Hunting Areas

The boundaries of the following areas are posted with signs which state that hunters must obtain a permit and tags before hunting pheasants. Always check the type of signs posted, the boundaries of some areas contain private land and permission of the landowner is required before hunting.

Name	County
■ Avoca Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Iowa
■ Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area	Iowa
■ Boscobel Unit of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway	Grant
■ C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Fish and Wildlife Area	Kewaunee
■ Kettle Moraine State Forest	Waukesha
■ La Farge Public Hunting Grounds	Vernon
■ Pine River Public Hunting Grounds	Richland
■ Scuppernong	Waukesha
■ Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)	Chippewa
■ Vernon Wildlife Area	Waukesha

Bong State Recreation Area Regulations

Bong State Recreation Area, located in north central Kenosha County, offers hen-rooster pheasant hunting with the following requirements and rules:

- 1) Daily or annual vehicle admission fee: resident; \$5.00 daily, \$18.00 annual; resident senior citizen; \$3.00 daily, \$9.00 annual; nonresident; \$7.00 daily, \$25.00 annual.

- 2) Additional pheasant hunting fee: \$3.00 per person per day.

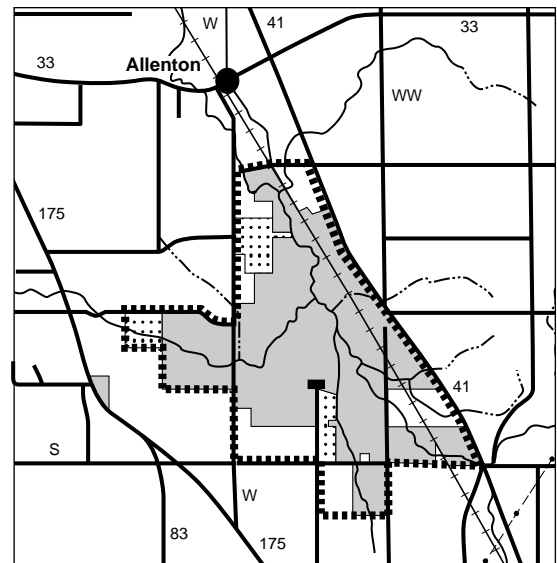
Hunting permit and tags are issued upon payment of fees.

- 3) Pheasant hunting hours:

- October 19—Noon to 6:26 p.m.
- October 20—December 31: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- 4) Daily bag—one, either sex for the first 14 days; Two, either sex, thereafter.

For details and/or a reservation card, write or call: Bong State Recreation Area, 26313 Burlington Road, Kansasville, WI 53139. Telephone (414) 878-5600 or 652-0377. Note: There is an additional \$3.00 reservation fee.

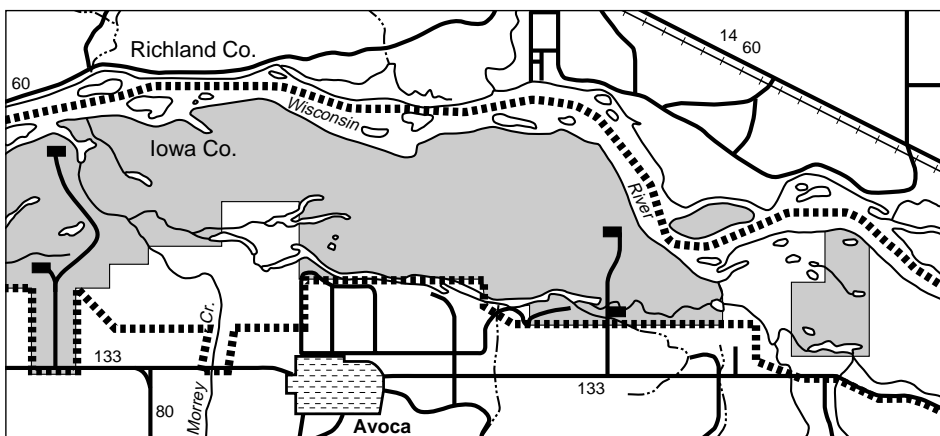


Allenton Wildlife Area

Washington County

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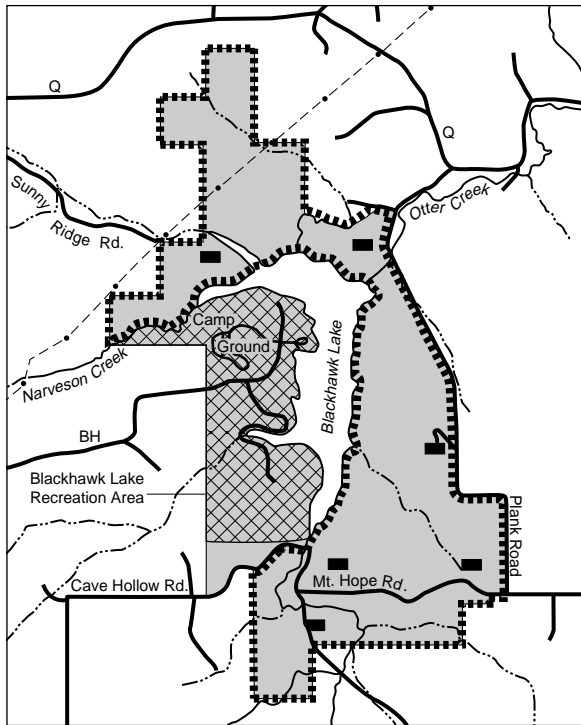
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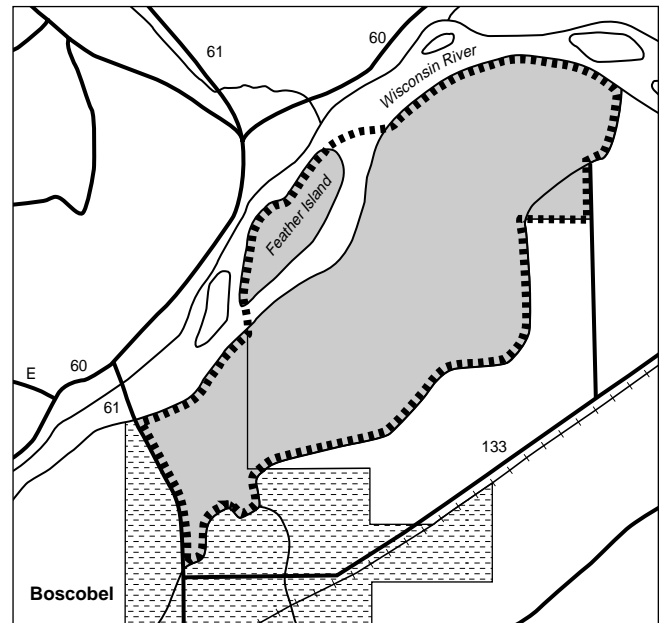
Avoca Unit Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Iowa County

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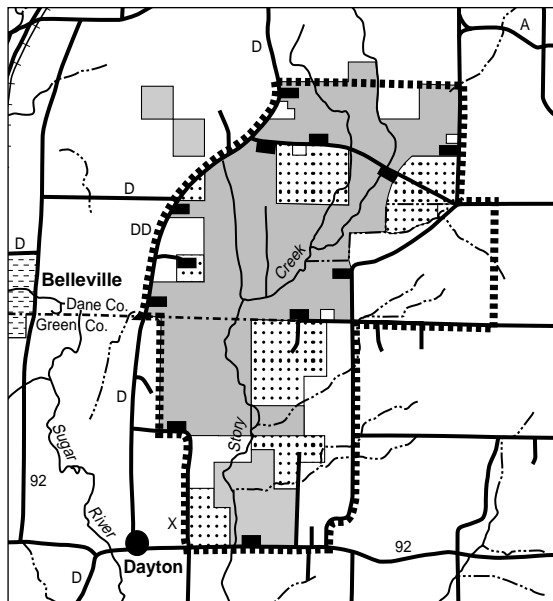
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Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area
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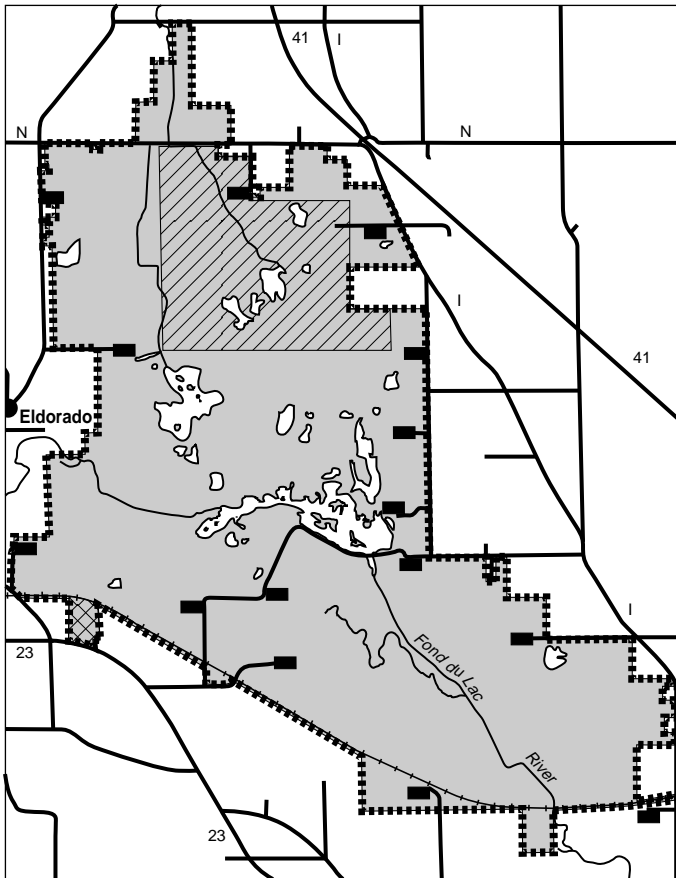
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Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
Grant County (Permit)



Brooklyn Wildlife Area
Dane and Green Counties (2 p.m.)

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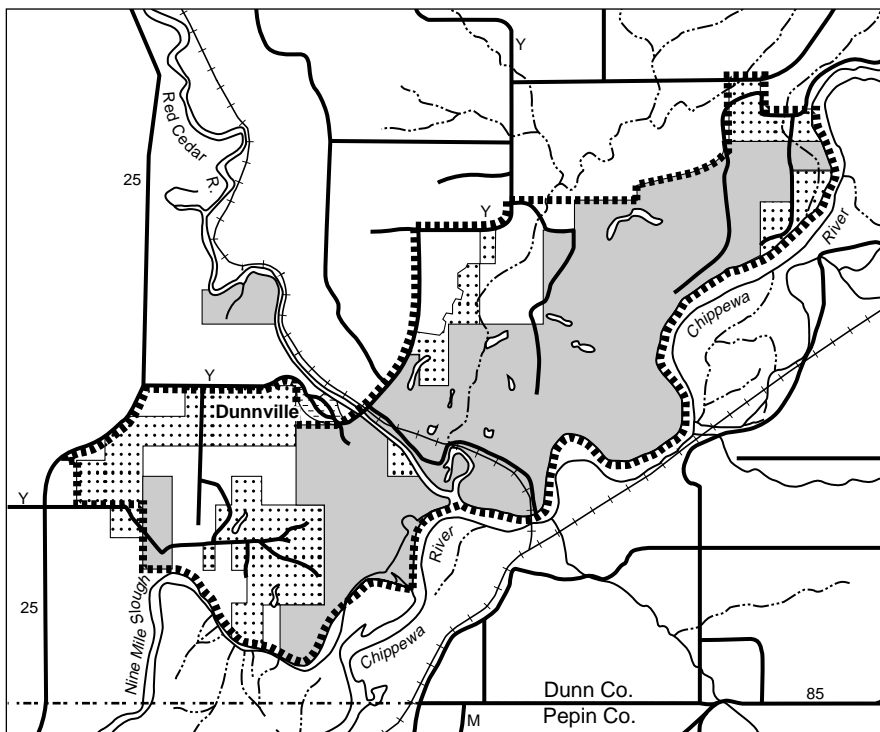
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Fond du Lac County

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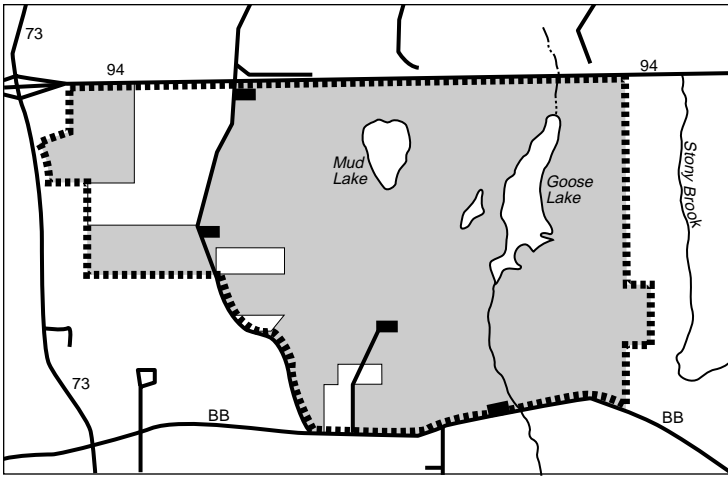


Dunnville Wildlife Area

Dunn County

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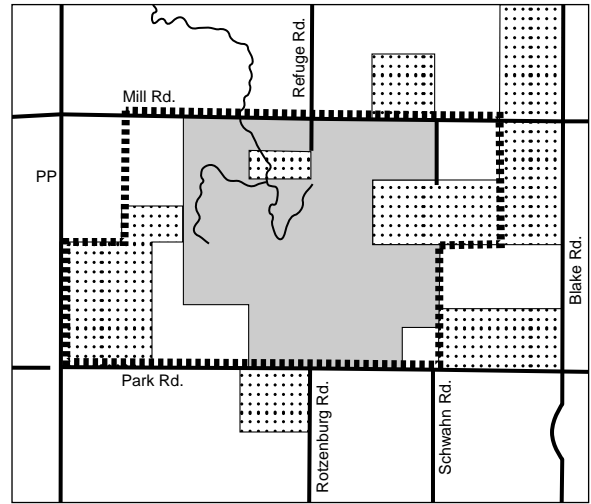


Goose Lake Wildlife Area

Dane County

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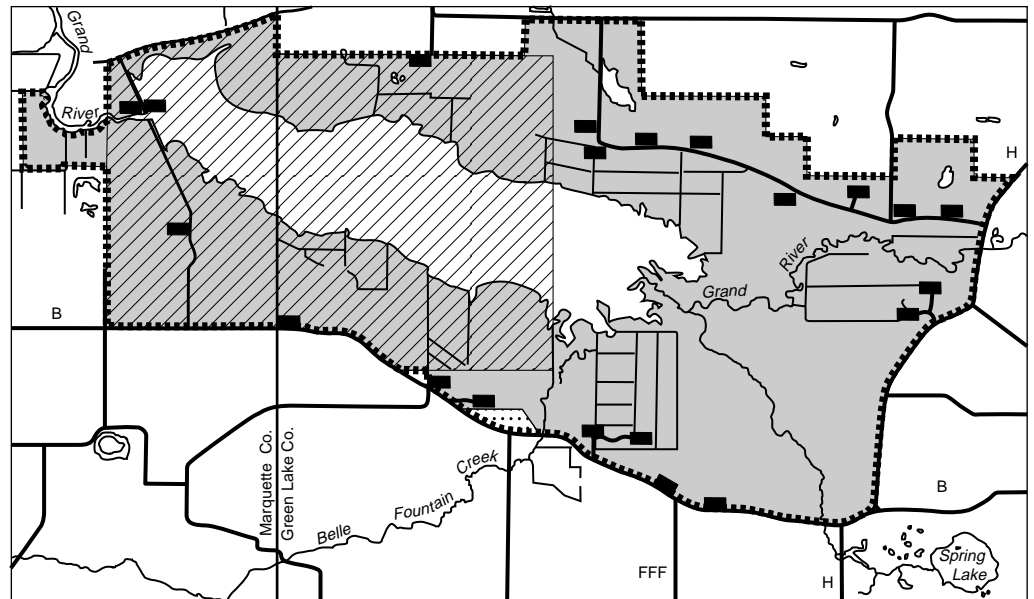


Holland Wildlife Area

Brown County

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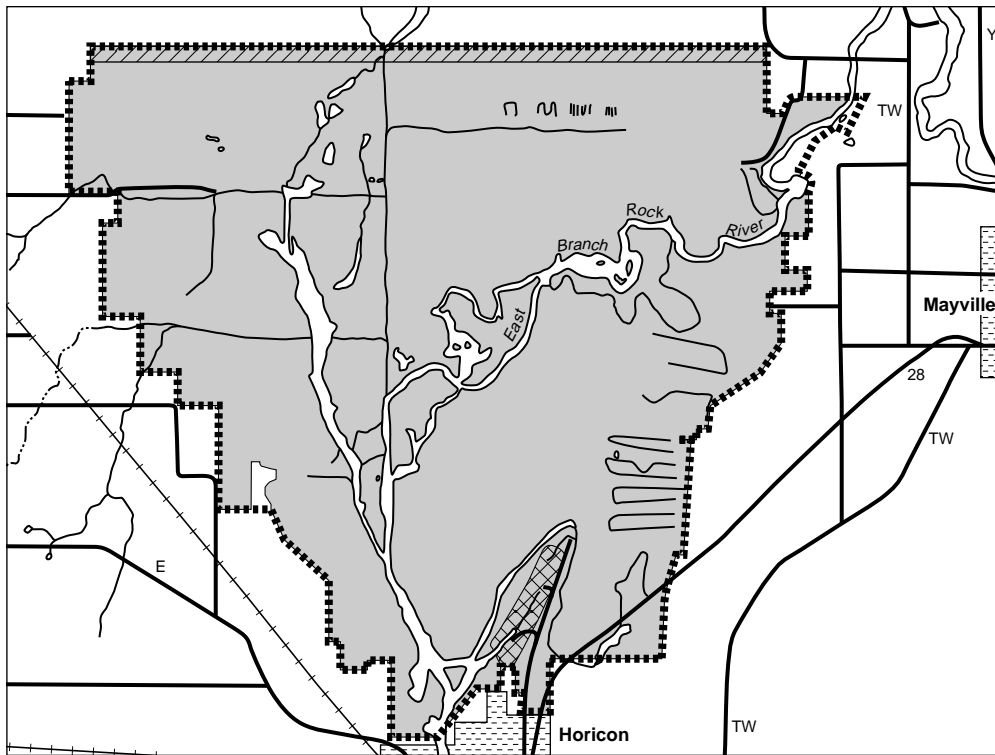
Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area

Marquette and Green Lake Counties

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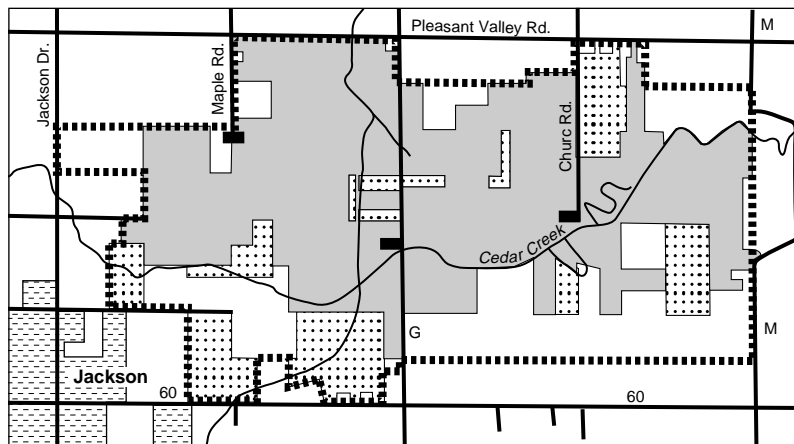


Horicon Wildlife Area

Dodge County

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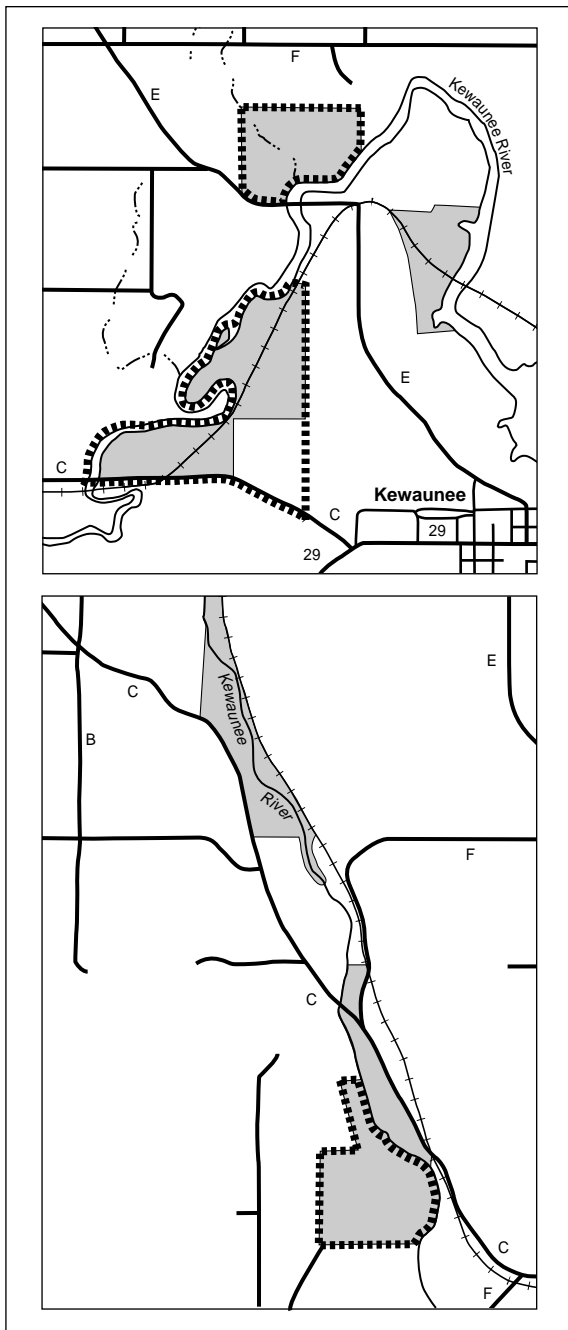
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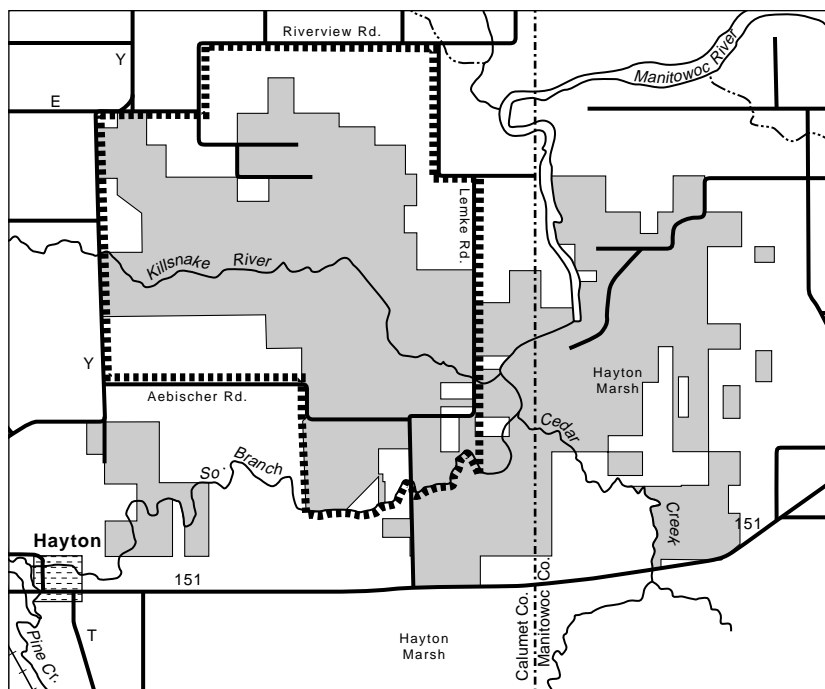
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and Wildlife Area
 Kewaunee County

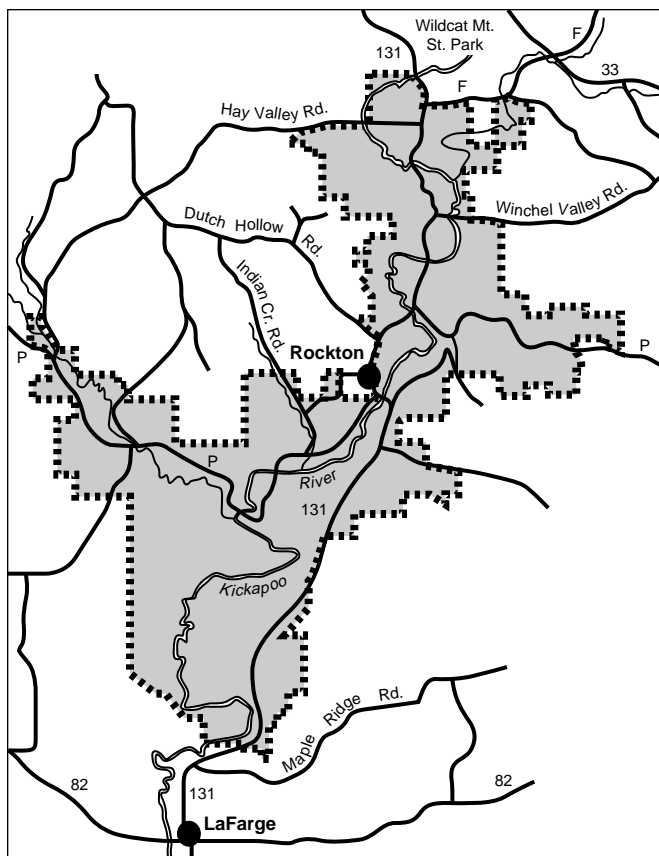
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Kilsnake Wildlife Area
 Calumet and Manitowoc Counties

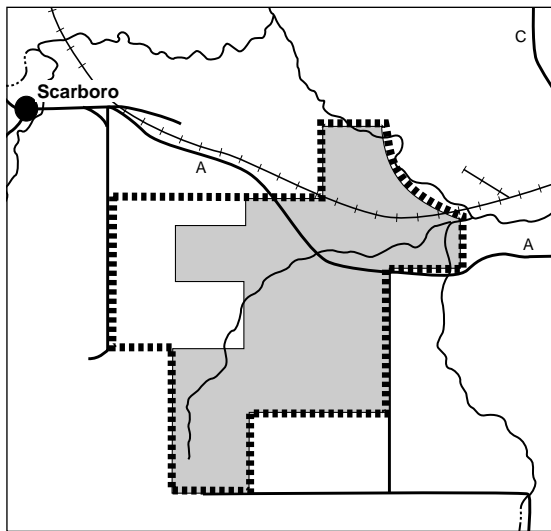
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LaFarge Reservoir Federal Reserve
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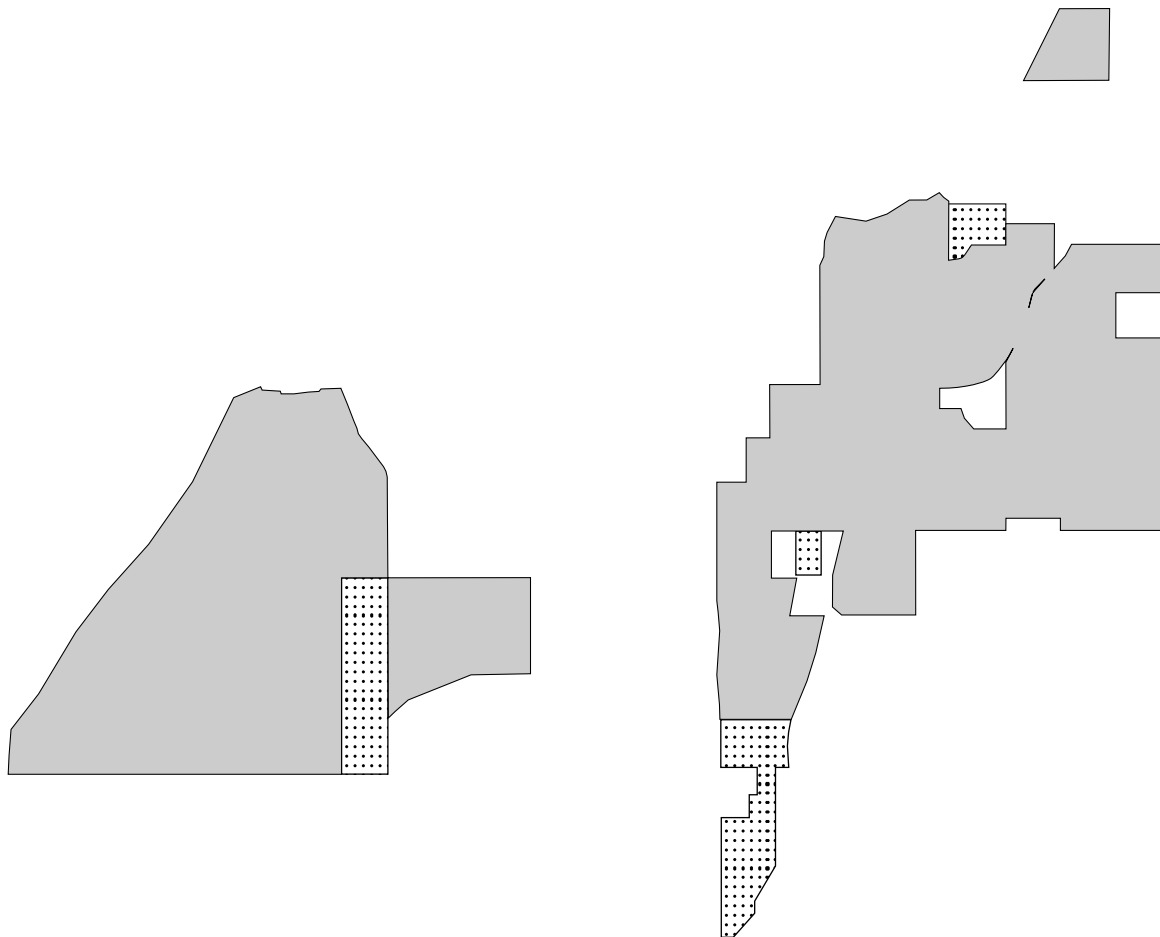
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 Kewaunee County

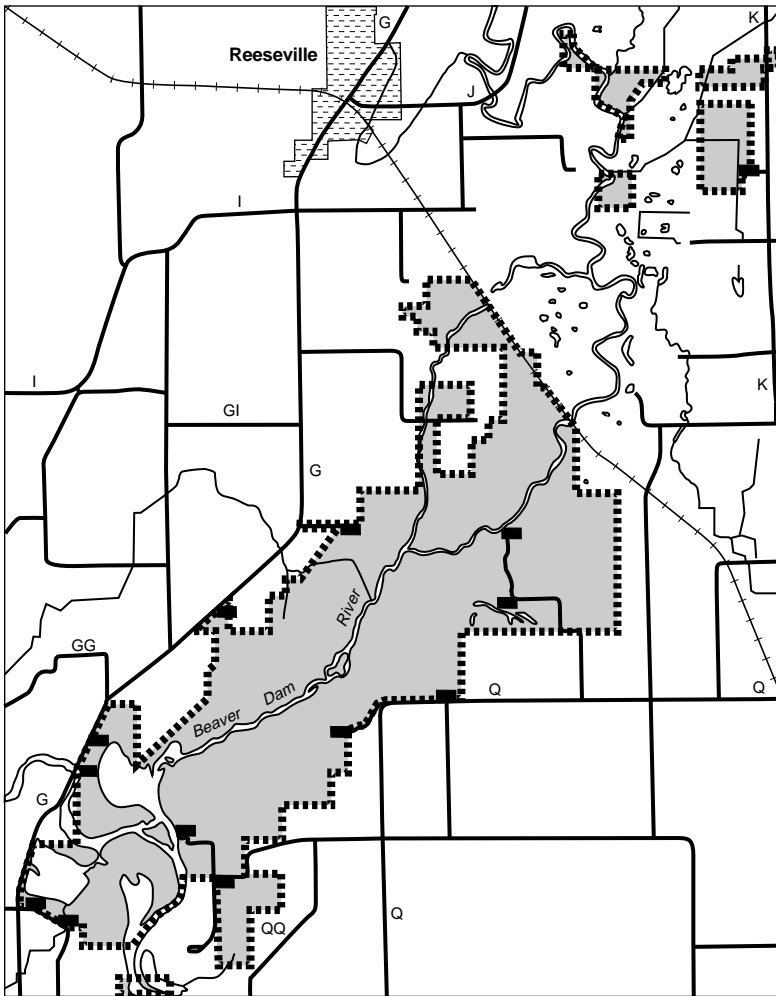
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Mazomanie Wildlife Area Lower Wisconsin State Riverway
 Dane County

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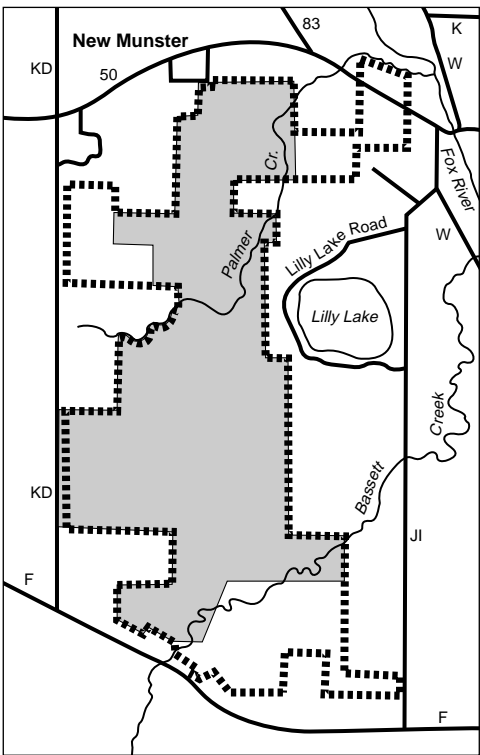
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Mud Lake Wildlife Area

Dodge County (2 p.m.)

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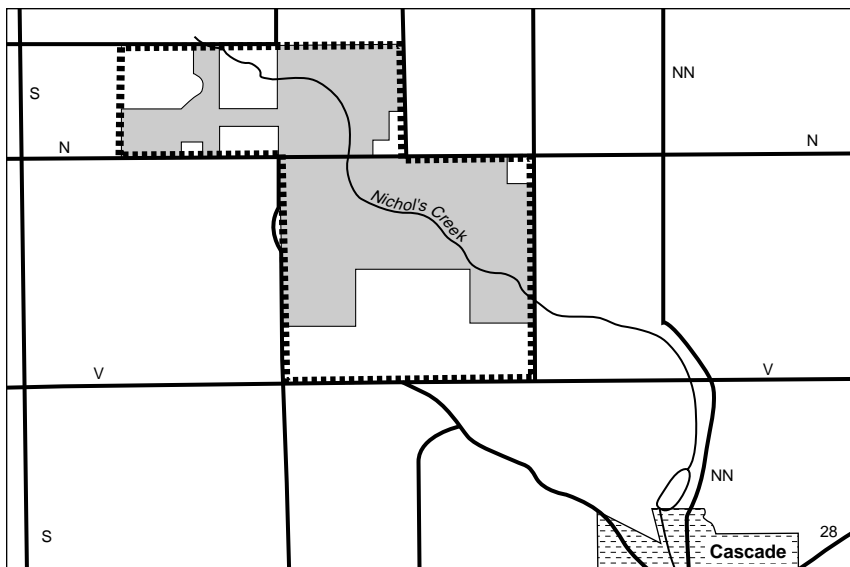


New Munster Wildlife Area

Kenosha County (2 p.m.)

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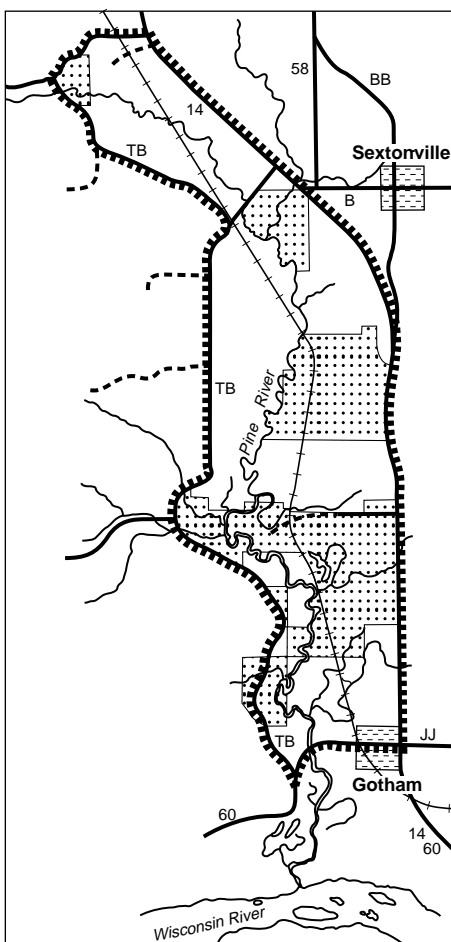


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Nichol's Creek Wildlife Area
Sheboygan County

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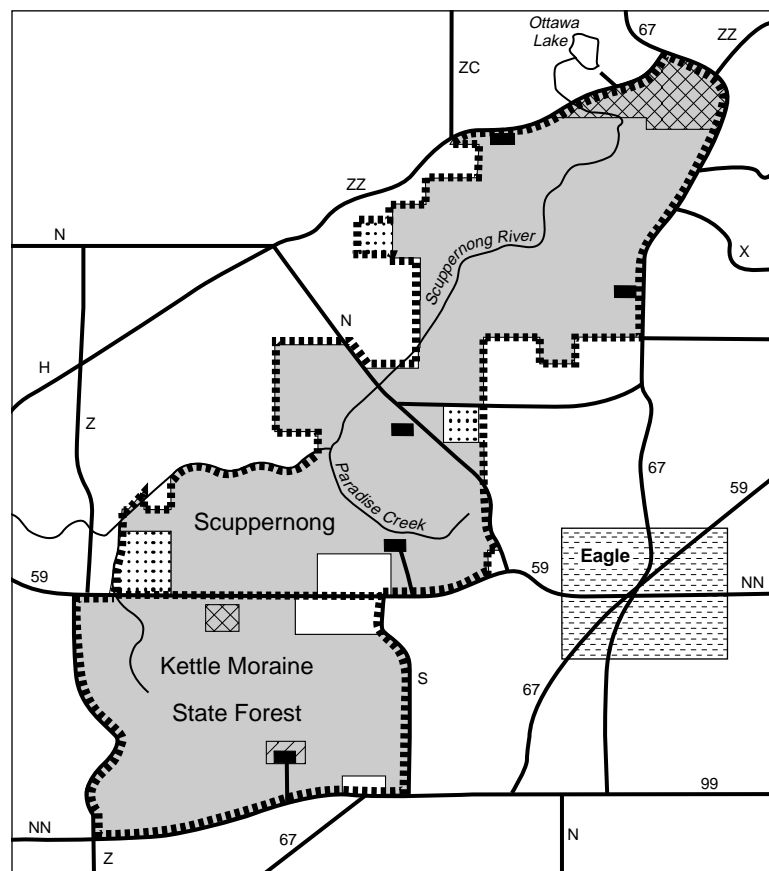
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Pine River Public Hunting Grounds
Richland County

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Additional lands may be leased in 1996.



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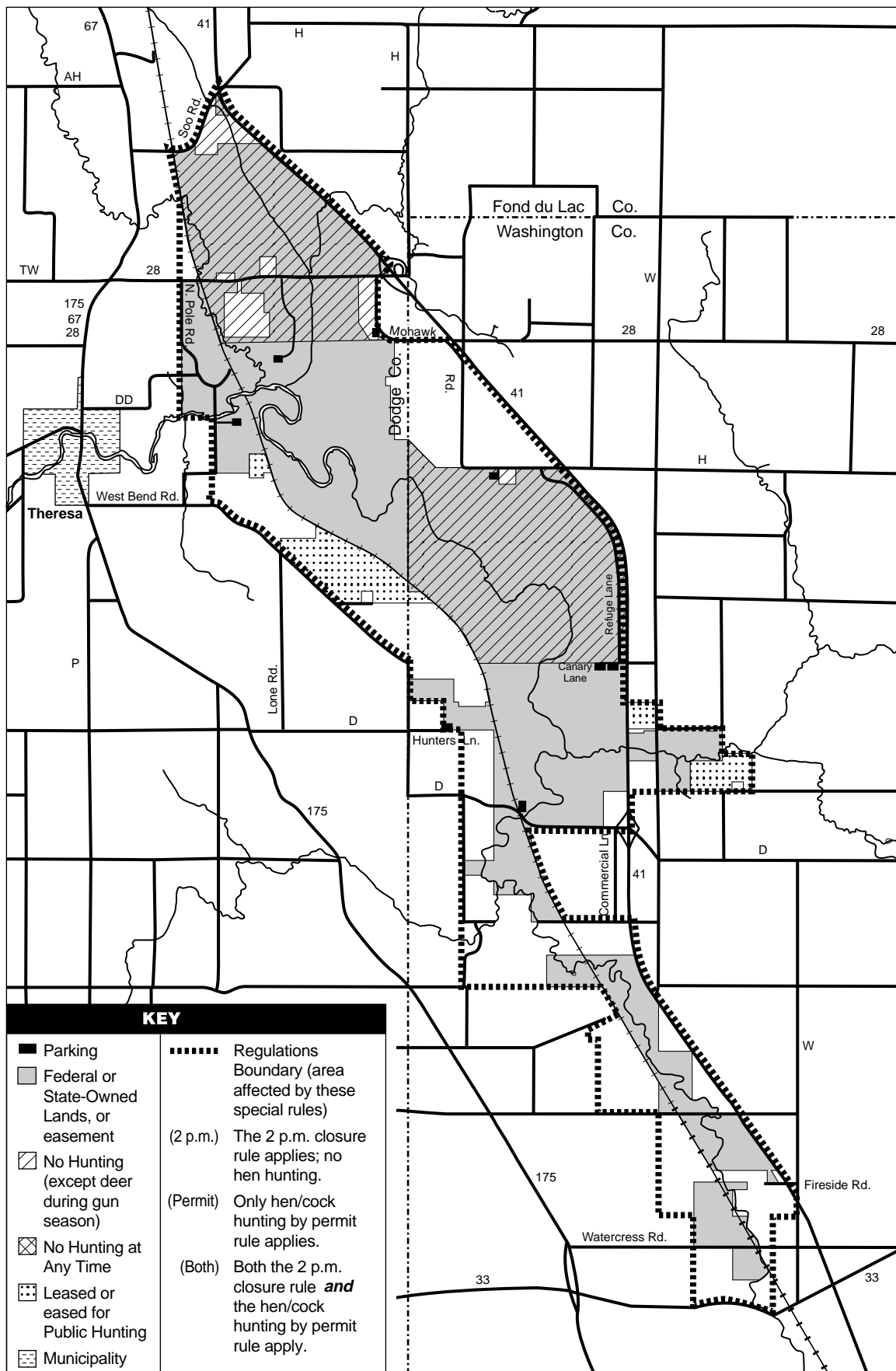
Waukesha County

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Kettle Moraine State Forest

Waukesha County

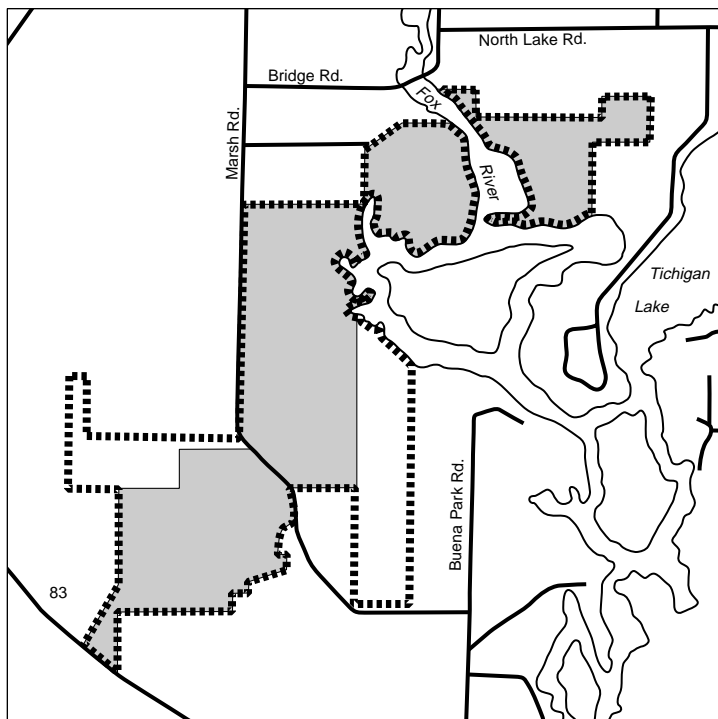
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Theresa Wildlife Area
Dodge and Washington Counties

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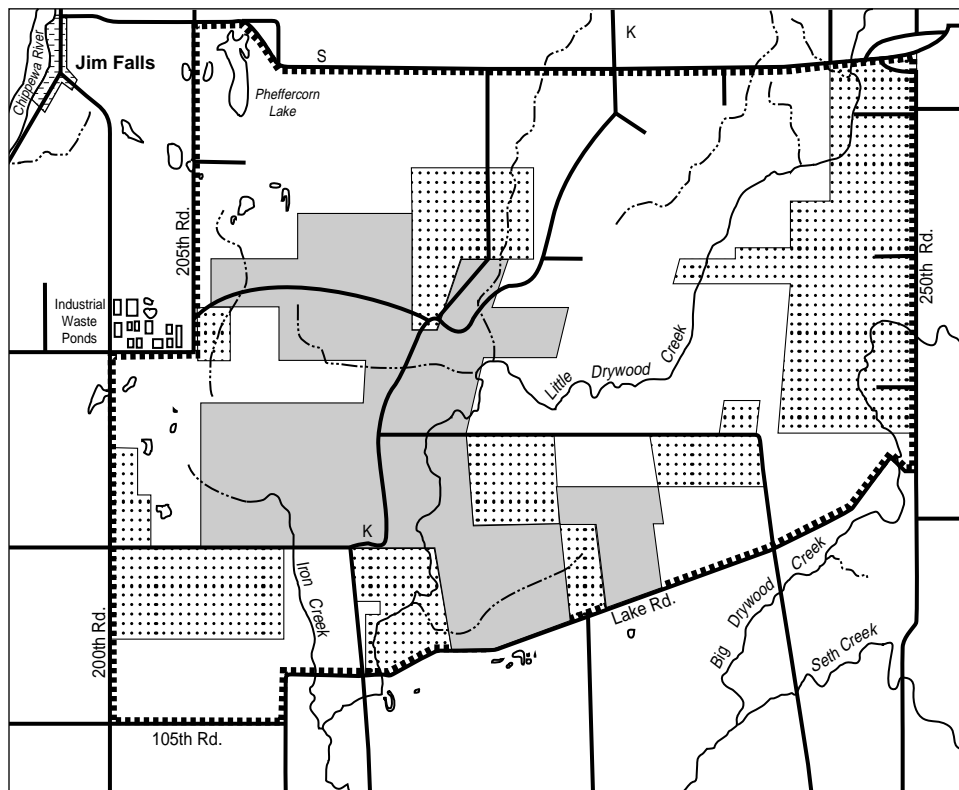
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Tichigan Wildlife Area

Racine County

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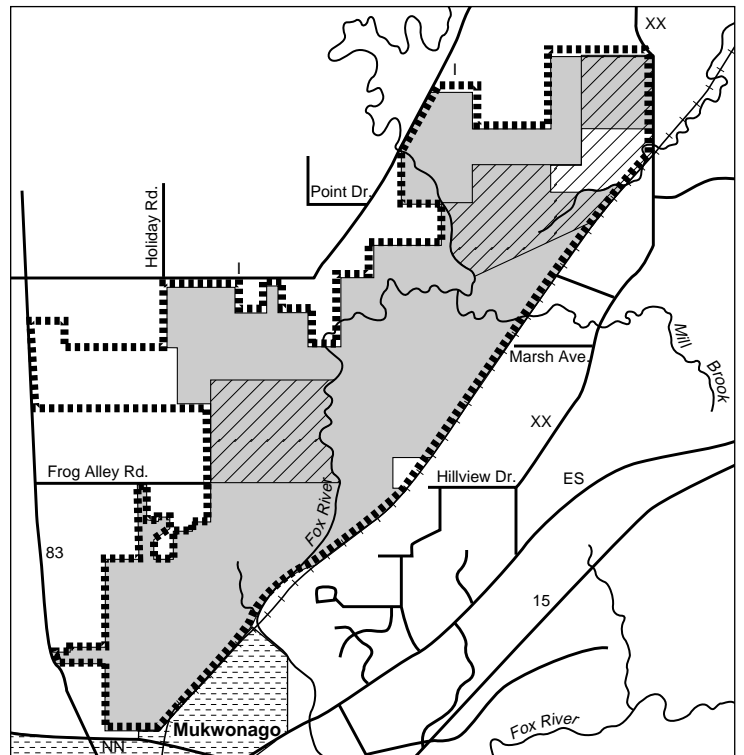


Tom Lawin Wildlife Area (formerly Jim Falls Wildlife Area)

Chippewa County

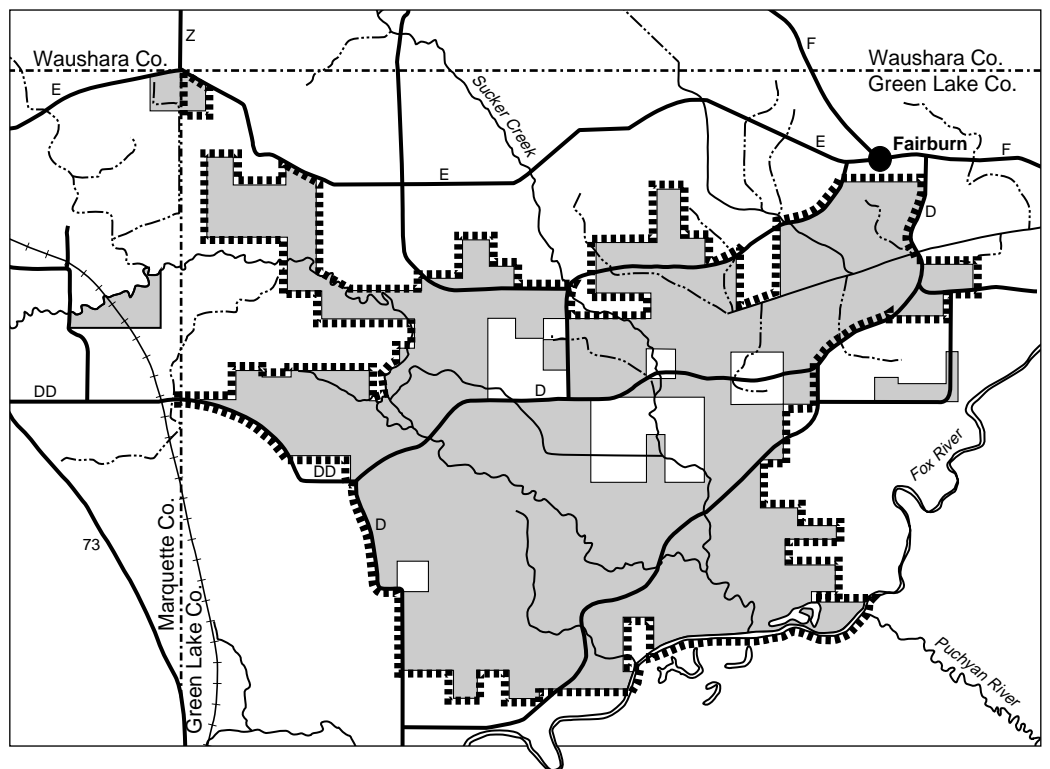
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Vernon Wildlife Area
Waukesha County

(Both)



White River Wildlife Area
Green Lake and Marquette Counties

(2 p.m.)

Pheasant stamp required

Other Public Hunting Grounds DNR May Stock with Pheasants in 1996

Normal statewide pheasant hunting regulations apply

County	Wildlife Area	Pheasant Stamp Required
Buffalo	Big Swamp	
Calumet	Brillion	✓
Columbia	French Creek	✓
	Grassy Lake	✓
	Mud Lake	✓
	Pine Island	✓
Crawford	Bell Center	
Dane	Badfish Creek	✓
	Deansville	✓
	Lodi Marsh	✓
Dodge	Shaw Marsh	✓
Fond du Lac	Mullet Creek	✓
Green	Albany	✓
	Browntown	✓
	Liberty Creek	✓
Jackson	Northfield Lake	
	S. Beaver Creek	
	Stockwell	
Jefferson	Jefferson Marsh	✓
	Lake Mills	✓
	Prince's Point	✓
	Rome Pond	✓

County	Wildlife Area	Pheasant Stamp Required
Juneau	Union Center	
Lafayette	Yellowstone	✓
Marathon	McMillan	
Monroe	Ridgeville	
Racine	Honey Creek	✓
Rock	Avon	✓
	Evansville	✓
	Footville	✓
	Lima	✓
	Storr's Lake	✓
Sheboygan	Adell	✓
	Kettle Moraine N.	✓
	Sheboygan Marsh	✓
	Mink Creek	✓
Trempealeau	Borst Valley	
	Lakes Coulee	
	Tamarack	
Walworth	Clover Valley	✓
	Kettle Moraine	✓
	Troy	✓
Winnebago	Rat River	✓

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